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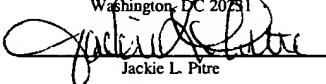
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Filing Date: April 24, 2001  
Inventors: Vinegar et al.  
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PROCESSING OF A COAL  
FORMATION TO INCREASE  
PERMEABILITY/POROSITY  
OF THE FORMATION

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*In The Drawings:*

Applicant respectfully requests that the changes shown in red on the attached drawings (FIGS. 32, 44, 54, 55, 59, 60, and 63) be approved by the Examiner in the above-identified application.

*In The Specification:*

Listed below is a clean copy of amended paragraphs of the Specification. A marked-up copy indicating the amended paragraphs of the Specification is provided in an accompanying document.

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